

### **REMARKS**

The Office Action dated October 19, 2006, has been received and carefully reviewed. Each issue raised in that Office Action is addressed below.

### **REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH**

Claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite due to the inclusion of indefinite terms and because certain claim language is indicated to lack antecedent basis. By the above amendment, claims 1-22 have been revised to remove indefinite terms and to address antecedent basis issues. Minor additional, formal, amendments were made to remove reference numerals and "characterized by" language to conform the claims to U.S. practice. Claims 1-22 as amended are submitted to satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

### **CLAIMS OBJECTIONS**

Claims 5-10 and 15-22 were objected to as being improper multiple dependent claims. By the above amendment, the claim dependencies have been revised to address this issue.

### **CONCLUSION**

Each issue raised in the Office Action dated October 19, 2006, has been addressed, and it is believed that claims 1-22 are in condition for allowance. Wherefore, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-22 is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the examiner is respectfully requested to contact Scott Wakeman (Reg. No. 37,750) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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Amendment dated February 1, 2007  
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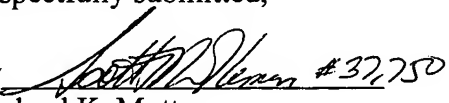
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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